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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An antistatic protector to be mounted to a conductive connector for joining a resin tube and a pipe in automotive piping to earth the resin tube via the conductive connector, comprising;

a mounting portion to be mounted to an outer periphery of the conductive connector,

a connecting portion to be connected to an earth member provided on a car body, an elongate or relatively elongate connective portion to joint the mounting portion and the connecting portion, and

the mounting portion, the connecting portion and the connective portion being formed from conductive <u>rubber</u> elastic material so as to have flexibility respectively.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The antistatic protector as set forth in claim 1 wherein the mounting portion, the connecting portion and the connective portion are formed ascomprise a unit.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The antistatic protector as set forth in claim 1 wherein the mounting portion is formed as comprises an annular member so as to be fitted on and mounted to the outer periphery of the connector.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The antistatic protector as set forth in claim 1 wherein the mounting portion is constructed by comprises a pair of halved portions which are joined to each other to form the comprise an annular member,

the annular member is configured so as to be mounted to the outer periphery of the conductive connector with the conductive connector therebetween.

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- 5. (Currently Amended) The antistatic protector as set forth in claim 1 wherein the mounting portion is formed incomprises a cap configuration so as to be capped on and mounted to the outer periphery of a longitudinal portion of the conductive connector.
- 6. (Original) The antistatic protector as set forth in claim 3 wherein the mounting portion is mounted to the outer periphery of the connector rotatably.
- 7. (Original) The antistatic protector as set forth in claim 4 wherein the mounting portion is mounted to the outer periphery of the connector rotatably.
- 8. (Original) The antistatic protector as set forth in claim 1 wherein the connecting portion is provided integrally with one or more finger grips projecting outwardly.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The antistatic protector as set forth in claim 8 wherein the finger grips are formed on opposite sides of the connecting portion respectively.
- 10. (Currently Amended) The antistatic protector as set forth in claim 3 wherein the conductive connector is formed with comprises a pair of positioning surfaces expanding radially outwardly on an outer periphery in axially spaced and opposed relation, and the mounting portion is arranged to be mounted between a pair of the positioning surfaces to be positioned axially.
- 11. (Currently Amended) The antistatic protector as set forth in claim 4 wherein the conductive connector is formed with comprises a pair of positioning surfaces expanding radially outwardly on an outer periphery in axially spaced and opposed relation, and the mounting portion is arranged to be mounted between a pair of the positioning surfaces to be positioned axially.